

In the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 1, line 8 with the following:

This invention relates to a dummy client device, which is ~~connecting~~ connected to a channel in which a chat server is providing chat service, and which automatically conducts information exchange among other clients concurrently ~~connecting~~ connected to that channel. This invention also relates to a computer readable medium which causes a computer to function as such a dummy client device. This invention further relates to a chat system constructed of such a chat server and such a dummy client.